

1 16. The licensing service of claim 14 wherein the digital signature is authentic when a  
2 message digest algorithm applied to a portion of the license, not including a  
3 length of the license or the digital signature, results in a calculated message digest  
4 that is the same as a message digest in the license.

1 17. The licensing service of claim 16 wherein verifying that the digital signature is  
2 authentic further includes verifying that the message digest in the license is  
3 properly encrypted using a binary key extracted from a unique identifier in the  
4 license.

1 18. The licensing service of claim 11 wherein the communication between the  
2 enforcement agent, license issuer, and service agent, is performed using the  
3 Internet.

1 19. The licensing service of claim 11 wherein the enforcement agent resides on the  
2 device.

1 20. The licensing service of claim 11 wherein the license issuer resides on a computer  
2 that communicates with the service agent over a wide area network, and the  
3 service agent resides on a computer that communicates with the device over a  
4 local area network.

1 21. The licensing service of claim 11 wherein the distribution of licenses by the  
2 service agent comprises:  
3 matching a unique identifier on the distributed license with a unique  
4 identifier on an existing license on the device;  
5 replacing the existing license with the distributed license when the unique  
6 identifiers match, the distributed license is current, the distributed  
7 license is digitally signed, and the digital signature is authentic;  
8 otherwise  
9 discarding the distributed license and retaining the existing license.

1 22. A method for preventing piracy of installed software comprising:  
2 generating on a device a non-renewable license that is of limited duration,  
3 the non-renewable license having a unique identifier that associates  
4 the license with the device on which the software is installed, and a  
5 digital signature; and  
6 periodically replacing the non-renewable license with a purchased non-  
7 renewable license of limited duration, the purchased license having  
8 a matching unique identifier and a matching digital signature, the  
9 purchased license generated on a computer capable of  
10 communicating with the device.

1 23. The method of claim 22 wherein the non-renewable license is generated  
2 automatically by a software agent residing on the device at the time of installation  
3 without user intervention.

1 24. The method of claim 23 wherein the non-renewable license on the device is  
2 replaced automatically by the software agent in communication with a service  
3 agent residing outside of the device

The above new claims are being added to the application to provide more complete protection for the invention. Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims now present in the application are believed to be patentable over the prior art. Therefore, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and allowance is solicited.

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